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Docket No. ANGIO P-26 / 500622.200021

Applicant(s): Eamonn P. Hobbs, William M. Appling, Angelo J. Tarricone, Theodore J. Beyer

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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the final office action dated March 29, 2004.

A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 950.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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